to me to be nearly spent and incapable of any useful work, and so I think he should retire and a younger man with the necessary interest and tact should be appointed."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is making a valuable speech." (Laughter.)

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it the intention of Government to send these honorary men only to hospitals where the work of the paid men is heavy ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The present idea is to post all these people to all the hospitals. These men will be utilized for relieving them."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" So am I to understand that the present work is to be divided between these two sets of officers ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" In the General Hospital why not Government increase the number of honorary men and give them teaching work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know whether they are willing to undertake teaching work. These are matters which require notice."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Sir, in the appendix it is stated thus. 'The honorary physician has charge of 32 beds. Occasionally he gives a clinical lecture to students but he has no responsible position in the teaching staff of the college. With a man of the qualifications and the character of the present incumbent, the system has worked satisfactorily'. May I know, in view of these remarks, why the responsible position of teaching is not given ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The suggestion will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" What is the object of Government in appointing these Honoraries."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I think this scheme has been working for the last seven years."

Public Health

Prevention of malaria in jungle areas.

* 1765 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to question No. 503 answered on 10th October 1928, regarding the prevention of malaria prevailing in jungle areas, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report on the further investigations into the causes of malaria has been received ; and

(*b*) what action has been taken thereon ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have received the reports of the Special Malaria Officer on his malaria survey in Vedaranniyam in Tanjore district, Palni Municipality and Talamanchipatnam

and Jaganapalli areas in the Cuddapah district. The local bodies concerned have been asked to take necessary action in the matter. In the case of the areas in the Cuddapah district the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has been requested to submit an approximate estimate for the improvement of irrigation channels. The report of the Special Malaria Officer on the investigation of malaria in the Puthur taluk, South Kanara district, is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether these reports when published will be placed on the table of the House for the information of the members ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" These reports are not of much public interest except to the localities concerned, and therefore I don't see any necessity for placing them on the table of the House."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" As malaria exists almost throughout the Presidency I think some of the Members of the Legislative Council concerned with malaria affected parts will desire to know what the reports contain."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" If those Members of the Legislative Council apply for copies the question of supplying them will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it intended to get anti-malarial work done by local bodies ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The hon. Member knows that certain grants are given to local bodies for specific purposes ; and if in carrying them out they find that the sum is insufficient they may ask for additional sums and then their claims will be considered."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Sir, it is said ' the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has been requested to submit an approximate estimate for the improvement of irrigation channels '. Is it to be taken on a general policy ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I don't think so ; I think he is to consider each case separately."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know when the Chief Engineer was addressed with regard to this estimate ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I can't say the exact date ; it must be within the last three months."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I suggest to Government to keep a statistics of deaths due to malaria separate, instead of putting down all deaths under ' fever ' ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The suggestion will be considered. But I think there are great difficulties in maintaining such a statistics."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Have Government made any budget provision for anti-malarial work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I think certain local bodies have made demands and provision has been made for them."